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Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., Oct. 24, 1889, *188* .

The Superintendent, U.S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

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Replying to your letter of yesterday, relative to the transfer of the mint to the new Superintendent, I would say that the only point of interest to you is to obtain a receipt from the new Superintendent in full for all moneys with which you are charged, so as to close your accounts and relieve your bondsmen. The details of the settlement rest entirely with the new Superintendent who is to give this receipt, and whatever weighing or counting he deems necessary in order to give such receipt must be had. I think, however, there will be but very little. I have explained personally to Col. Bosbyshell to day my views as to how the transfer should be made and he agrees with them fully.

For your guidance I would say that you will turn over to the Melter and Refiner, on the last day of this month, or from now until then, all the bullion in your possession except the New York assay office gold bars under seal and any commercial bars which you have on hand.

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I would suggest that you instruct the Coiner to complete his monthly allotment of coinage by Tuesday of next week so that it will not be necessary for him to deliver any more coin this month after that date. You will, of course, deposit in the Treasury all unexpended balances of appropriations in your hands, including funds advanced you from the "parting and refining" appropriation and the appropriation for the coinage of the silver dollar.

But for the fact that I am busily engaged in the preparation of my annual report I would come to Philadelphia and personally superintend the transfer, but I may send Mr. Preston.

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